

## **February 12, 2013**

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:01pm on February 12, 2013. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Kevin Benjamin, Lana Manzanita, Stephen Kullmann, Greg Sawatzky. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold.

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the agenda with exception for item #20 after #13 and item #21 after item #14. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Input**

Dell Arte students indicated that they are working on a program to eliminate hunger in the Blue Lake area.

### **Public Hearing Regarding Unmet Transit Needs**

HCAOG to hold one master meeting for any Humboldt County resident to attend in regards to unmet transit needs. Mayor Schapiro read a letter from Blue Lake resident Ingrid Kosek in regards to the need for transit within City. Councilmember Manzanita stated need for weekend transit, especially for lower paid workers in retail or food industry. Councilmember Kullmann stated the need for extended and weekend hours. Statements / comments closed at 7:14pm.

### **Brief Comments by Dave Feral, Mad River Alliance**

Mr. Feral offered explanation of Mad River Alliance as a group of individuals to protect waters and bio integrity of waters. Locally, approximately 80,000 members of community receive water from our rivers. In 1992 our water sediment levels were impaired and later the temperature was impaired. Four species of fish referenced within our rivers and follow organizations to mention a few have organized involvement projects: CA Dept. Of Fisheries, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Blue Lake Rancheria, Humboldt Bay Keepers, as well as Humboldt State University. Quarterly boat trips for education and training such as "Paddle w/ a Purpose" are held for citizen research and monitoring. Process toward plans to determine what trends are in watershed to attribute to problems with fish populations. School programs with local charter schools are being implemented. The program is sponsored currently by Trees Foundations. It was confirmed that this is not a government program. Councilmember Kullmann posed a question if it would be advantageous to form a liaison of sorts, in support of the Mad River Alliances programs. It was agreed to be a future agenda item.

### **Custom Stump Grinders Lease- Report of Planning Commission and Recommendation Regarding lease Extension**

City Manager Berchtold confirmed lease expiration as of 01/30/2013. Provision for long term agreement in process. Planning Commission on 01/28/13 confirmed that compliance is being met with noise in city limits. Apparent next step to negotiate the long term lease with extension for 3 years including the process of electrical services project. A preliminary plan is to have city pay costs up front for 3 phase electricity and have an allocation of those costs over next three years in lease agreement. Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to direct long term lease of 3 years. The motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff Downey, Humboldt County Sheriff's Department**

Nearing end of 3 year law enforcement contract. Sherriff Downey explained cost breakdowns and the remedies of any issues being addressed. With new contract, could involve a small cost increase. Item requesting inclusion is that of animal services on a limited basis. Mayor Shapiro indicated Council will address at a future meeting contract renewal.

**Humboldt County Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Re: Levee Analysis**

Supervisor Lovelace confirmed that the levee has not been accredited Corps of Engineers with the result of expanded flood mapping. Long term proposal of a hydrological analysis to determine fitness of levee. Mayor Schapiro remarked of past timeline of 40 to 50 years since last testing of effectiveness. New mapping zones coming in year 2014 at estimated cost of testing \$140,000. FEMA will pull maps. Supervisor Lovelace requesting of Council to obtain 1 or 2 members as well as City Manager Berchtold to form a committee in regards to levee and mapping.

**Brief Presentation by Redwood Region Economic Development Commission Executive Director- Airport Update**

The Executive Director, Don Enebuske, offered update to Council regarding effects of only one airline within airport. Received grant from Federal Government of \$750,000 to gain new service of second airline however, a \$250,000 community match is required for \$1,000,000 minimum for new service provider and maintaining a second airline provider. Proposal to accommodate this is to rename the airport, as to market Humboldt as a destination of travel. Some proposed names include: Redwood Coast Regional Airport, Redwood Coast Airport, California Redwood Coast Airport. Mayor Schapiro offered letter to support two name changes. Requested motion to approve. Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. The motion carried unanimously.

**Water and Wastewater Rates- Schedule Meeting to Discuss Alternatives**

Scheduled meetings as follows: Sewer/Water Rates: February 21, 2013 at 7:30pm. Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to schedule said meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Allocation of Sewer Capacity Schedule Meeting with City Engineer to Discuss**

Scheduled meeting to: Approve /Discuss Allocations: February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to schedule said meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence of Mad River Brewing Company's Discharge Permit**

Goal for allocation of extra capacity. Question posed when action will be taken for allocations. Councilmember Manzanita insured the diligence of which the process is being discussed, however, no timeline on definitive decision can be met until completion of future allocation/discussion meetings.

**Praj White, P.E. representative Blue Lake Power, Re: Compliance Issues**

Mr. White offered the progress to which the Blue Lake Power Plant is conducting on going monitoring for compliance and documentation regarding noise and lighting. March 2012 began process of working to resolve any issues which currently include 3 devices monitoring noise levels at various areas within the City on a 24 hr basis. Representative of Blue Lake Power Plant currently receiving any complaints or

concerns of residents. Councilmember Manzanita inquired as to the City doing /taking any reading regularly or just power plant. Confirmed by City Manager Berchtold only on a complaint basis. Mr. White confirmed that completion of research will be end of next week and full report with presentation will be March 2013.

**Proclamation of Engineer's Week February 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the Proclamation of Engineer's Week. The Motion carried unanimously.

**Council Member Sawatzky: Support of Dell arte Industrial Park Art Grant**

Councilmember Sawatzky updated on benefit of grant for classes and daytime festivals. Stephanie Thompson-Director of Dell Arte introduced a movement titled: "Creative Place Making". Del Arte offered a request for grant monies of \$350,000 from a national organization upon awaiting response to request. Dell Arte is requesting a letter of support from the council to include in this request for grant monies. Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. The motion carried unanimously.

**Postponement of City Manager Review**

Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to postpone to next month. The motion carried unanimously.

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 504- An Ordinance of the City Council of Blue Lake Repealing Ordinance No. 496 –Ordinance 494 included, an Ordinance Amendment Pertaining to Membership, terms of Office and Removal Sections of the Public Safety Commission.**

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 504. The motion carried unanimously.

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 505- An Ordinance of the City Council of the city of Blue Lake Amending Ordinance No. 494, Sections 2,4, and 5 Originally Pertaining to membership, Terms of Office and Removal of the Public Safety Commission.**

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Kullmann to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 505. The motion carried unanimously.

**Authorized City Manager to have a Phase 2 Environmental Analysis Prepared for Vacant Lot in Industrial Park. (Monda Way)**

With authorization, City Manager Berchtold will use monies from sale of lot to conduct analysis of vacant lot estimated at approximately \$8,000.00. Projected cost: \$6,500.00 outside cost and \$1,500.00 inside. Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to authorize costs. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

**A. December 30, 2012 Financial (Six Month Report)**

City Manager Berchtold confirmed general fund at \$50,000+ and all other funds in good condition. Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of Council and Staff**

Councilmember Sawatzky reports no events. Councilmember Kullmann reports Park and Rec. failed to meet quota. Councilmember Benjamin reports unable to attend meeting due to illness. Councilmember Manzanita reports meeting with HWMA. Public Safety has two applicants with two more interested in applying. Need to be filled is five so requesting of Councilmember's to help promote the program and applicants. Legislative update will begin in March and a league meeting to be held in March as well. CERT program had first year anniversary and potluck. Training set up for fire safety on 02/28/2013, Traffic Control Training for 03/2013, and Earthquake training on 04/2013. Chamber of Commerce has new President- Mandi Kindred. A mixer will be held at Casino Hotel on 03/28/2013. WaNika Ladies that conduct the grocery program for needs of community are looking for a replacement group for program. Mayor Schapiro confirmed that he spoke with Nancy Diamond regarding Jim Bernard. She acknowledged his appreciation of the letter of appreciation by Mr. Bernard. City Manager Berchtold updated SHN submission on our behalf of over \$9,000,000 in street projects which would be long term into 2024. Blue Lake Power Plant is in compliance with settlement agreement. Applied for \$30,000 from Headwaters used for environmental assessment in remaining parcel in industrial park and funding for infrastructure for easement.

**Motion to Adopt Minutes from January 22, 2013**

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the January 22, 2103 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings**

Strategic Planning Update/Report, Jill Duffy – HWMA Presentation; Training/Needs for Councilmember's; Strategic Planning Addition, Enforcement tools; Flood Mapping.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Councilmember Manzanita moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 10:17pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved February 26, 2013  
Adrienne Nielsen, City Clerk